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PATENT APPLICATION

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For: HAND-HELD MICROWAVE INTRA-ORAL DENTAL SYSTEM

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 1, 2002, and in accordance with the automatic extension of time for response provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

In the Claims

Please cancel dependent claims 8-12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please cancel dependent claim 7.

Please substitute the following amended claims for those currently pending:

1. (Twice Amended) A microwave dental system comprising:

a hand-held dental tool including: